

# MINUTES 2013 TII ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 6 May 2013 at 17.30 Beijing International Convention Center (Room 307) 8 Beichen Dong Road, Chaoyang District Beijing 100101, People's Republic of China

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Since the President, Joachim Hafkesbrink, had been prevented at the last minute from travelling to China because of ill health, the meeting was chaired by Gordon Ollivere, Board member for the UK and former President of the association. A list of members present and represented by proxy at the 2013 AGM is to be found in Annex 1.

#### 1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as previously circulated.

#### 2. Election of Members to the TII Board of Management – Casting of Votes

The candidates for election and re-election were invited to introduce themselves to the assembly. In 2013, the assembly was invited to elect or re-elect members to the Board of Management from Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain and the Affiliates.

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes, during which the members were able to complete and return their voting forms.

#### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2012 AGM held in Copenhagen (Denmark)

The minutes of the 2012 AGM held on 25 April at Aalborg University in Copenhagen were adopted unanimously.

#### 4. President's Report on the State of the Association

Since the President was not present at the meeting, Gordon Ollivere took the floor to comment on the successful organisation of the annual meeting in Beijing and thanked Coway, the host organisation, and the Enterprise Europe Network for their support in preparing this ambitious event.

### 5. Secretary General's Annual Report for 2012

2012 was another year of tight budgets for a good number of TII members. Despite a net loss of 8 members, TII's virtual community continued to expand. At the end of 2012 membership stood at 173 from a total of 41 countries, while some 450 "members" belonged to the TII discussion group in LinkedIn. To compensate the loss of income from membership fees intensive investment was made in acquiring new EU projects.

Two flagship events (the annual conference and summer school) were successfully staged in Copenhagen and Cracow respectively. A new project development group was launched on LinkedIn to assist members with forming consortia to bid under EC calls for proposals.

As far as EC contract work was concerned, Take It Up, the promotion pillar of the Europe INNOVA initiative, and the ACP Science & Technology Programme aiming to stimulate capacity building and innovation among S&T organisations in the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of countries, both ended during 2012.

Last but not least, merger negotiations with ProTon Europe were suspended at the latter's request.

#### 6. Financial Report for 2012

The Secretary General referred to the 2012 accounts, which had been circulated in advance of the AGM. The year ended with a registered operating surplus of €1 201.49.

### 7. Auditors' Report

The President read out the statement drawn up by the auditors, Dumont & Associés, according to which the association's accounts for 2012 had been examined in line with international auditing standards and gave a true and fair view of the financial position of TII asbl as of 31 December 2012.

#### 8. Vote on Items 5 and 6

At the President's request, the members were invited to vote on the Secretary General's annual report and the accounts for 2012. Both items were approved unanimously by the members present.

#### 9. Discharge of the Auditors

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the auditors for the 2012 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously. The proposal to reallocate the surplus of €1 201.49 generated in 2012 to the 2012 operating budget was also approved unanimously.

#### 10. Appointment of the Auditors for 2013

Further to the proposal made by the Board of Management, the President invited the members to vote on the appointment of Mr Pierre Dumont of the audit firm, "Dumont & Associés –Commissaire aux Comptes", based in Charleville-Mézières (France), as the association's statutory auditor for the 2013 financial year. The vote was carried unanimously.

#### 11.2013 Programme of Activities

The Secretary General presented the activities that had already taken place or which were planned for the remainder of the year. This included plans for the annual conference - and summer school, which would be hosted by the University of Split from 9 to 13 September. The TII Project Lab had begun its activities in January and was offering members customized information on bidding opportunities, assistance with partner search as well as the opportunity to draft concept notes and even prepare project applications. A briefing meeting on Horizon 2020 was scheduled for the end of the year. Two new FP7 projects were due to start in the second half of the year – MIRRIS (Mobilizing Institutional Reform for Research and Innovation Systems) and SECURE-R2I (Strengthening cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries on bridging the gap between research and innovation for inclusive and secure societies).

# 12.2013 Budget

The Secretary General took the members through the figures of the budget for 2013, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. For the first time ever, the budget projected a loss for the year of approximately EUR 13 000. This was due principally to the launch of the Project Lab without have secured income from the start of its operations.

#### 13. Vote on Items 11 and 12

At the invitation of the President, the members voted on the proposed Programme of Activities and Budget for 2013. Both were approved unanimously.

#### 14. Discharge of the Board of Management

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the Board of Management for the 2012 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 15. Announcement of the Results of the Election to the Board of Management

The counting of the votes having been completed, the President announced the results of the election as follows:

Number of voting forms issued: 19 Valid forms returned: 19

#### Votes cast for the candidates

Cyprus	Costas Konis	14 (re-elected)
Estonia	Vladimir Polezajev	15 (re-elected)
Finland	Juha Väätänen <sup>*</sup>	16 (elected)
Hungary	Peter Mogyorosi	18 (elected)
Italy	Emma Fau	14 (elected)
Romania	Tamas Gyulai	12 (re-elected)
Spain	Salvador Pastor	15 (re-elected)
Affiliates	Akash Bhavsar	15 (elected)

## 16. Election of Retiring Board Members to the "Jury d'honneur"

The three retiring members of the Board – Zsolt Köhalmi (Hungary); Maria Augusta Mancini (Italy) and Vanja Rangus (Slovenia) – were unanimously elected to the Jury d'honneur.

# 17. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for their attendance and, on behalf of the host organisation, Coway, invited them to join the welcome reception which followed the AGM. The meeting was closed at 18.45.



# ATTENDANCE LIST – TII AGM, 6 MAY 2013, BEIJING

N°	Name	Organisation	Signature
1	George Barton	INTRASOFT INTERNATIONAL S.A.	1
2	Akash Bhavsar	SKYQUEST TECHNOLOGY GROUP	* Andhaufr
3	Marta Catarino	TecMinho	FRatino
4	Carlos Cerqueira	INSTITUTO PEDRO NUNES	0
5	Arjan De Bruin	VAN DER MEER & VAN TILBURG	F
6	Josef Dvorak	University of West Bohemia	1 A
7	Johannes Dyring	SLU HOLDING S.A.	
8	Yiannis Geragotellis	KINNO CONSULTANTS	F
9	Joachim Hafkesbrink	innowise GmbH	F
10	Lars Hein	IPU	
11	Jasper Hemmes	SYNTENS	F
12	Gosse Hiemstra	VAN DER MEER & VAN TILBURG	F
13	Christoph Koeller	GOERGEN & KOELLER GmbH	1
14	Zsolt Kohalmi	THEODORE PUSKAS FOUNDATION	Fichion
15	Zhengping Liu	COWAY INT'L TECH'TRANS Co. Ltd.	A ZA IGS
16	Péter Mogyorosi	LASER CONSULT	F
17	Anis Mourad	SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE	F
18	Renata Novakova	UNIVERSITY OF SS CYRIL & METHODIUS IN TRNAVA	' Moral
19	Gordon Ollivere	RTC NORTH	F C.K.Oha
20	Patricia Quiroz	PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL PERU	1 19
21	Sonia Sagrista	CIMNE	
22	Miroslav Tvarozek	RDA EC/PHARE	F / Ke
23	Koen Verhaert	VERHAERT - MASTERS IN INNOVATION	F
24	Mantas Vilys	LITHUANIAN INNOVATION CENTRE	F

25	Bruno Woeran	LAPPEENRANTA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	F
26	Meijiao Xue- Pykäläinen	REGIONAL COUNCIL OF NORTH KARELIA	
	PROXIES		
	Gordon Ollivere	META GROUP	F C K. CUQ
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	Koen Verhaert	ANTRIM	F
	Koen Verhaert	CREACTION	F